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August 27, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 97-80; PP Docket No. 00-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, August 27, 2003, Paul Glist from the law firm of Cole, Raywid & Braverman, William Check, NCTA's Vice President, Science & Technology, and I met with Matthew Brill, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy.

We discussed issues regarding the proposals submitted to the Commission by cable system operators and consumer electronics ("CE") manufacturers on December 19, 2002, which are the subject of the above-referenced dockets. The discussion reflected filings made by the cable and CE industries in these proceedings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Neal M. Goldberg

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cc: Matthew Brill